KOTTAYAM TALUK.

432. Opening of certain canals in Kottayam.

Mr. P. M. Chacko B. A., (*Kottayam*) spoke specially on the desirability of opening the Kayikuzhi and Aruthutty canals.

Reply.—The question of the Kayikuzhi canal will be considered in connection with the programme of public works for the Kottayam Division already referred to. An estimate for the construction of the Aruthutty canal is awaited from the Chief Engineer.

433. Opening of the Panambadi road.

Mr. K. C. Mamman Mapillay B. A., (*Kottayam*) requested that, in addition to the construction of the Aruthutty canal, the Panambadi road might also be opened with a view to remove the defective nature of the existing means of communication in the Kottayam town.

Reply.—The question of the Panambadi road will also be considered along with the general scheme.

434. Provision of a recreation ground in Kottayam.

Mr. G. A. Baker (*Kottayam*) observed that the people of Kottayam had a recreation ground formerly but it was taken away from them. He therefore requested that either the old ground be given back or a new recreation ground provided at the early convenience of Government.

Reply.—If it is the maidan in front of the taluk office that is referred to by the member, the matter is now pending before the Kottayam Town Improvement Committee. On receipt of their report, the matter will be disposed of in due course.

435. Improvement of the Kottayam-Kumarakom road.

Mr. G. A. Baker represented that this road was at present in disrepair and not freely used by the people. The bridges over it were impassable and it was desirable to take early steps for the improvement of the road. He understood that estimates were recently prepared for Rs. 20,000 for the repair of the road and for Rs. 35,000 for the construction of bridges. He stated that if Government would be pleased to sanction the estimate for the repair of the road, the people would be satisfied with jungars in lieu of bridges.

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